

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re Patent Application of  
MARK JAMES BECKMAN

Serial No.: 10/728,447

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For: PROCESS FOR ASSEMBLY  
AND INSTALLATION OF A SNACK  
PACKAGE ADAPTED FOR ATTACHMENT  
TO A BEVERAGE CONTAINER  
THEREBY ALLOWING THE  
COMBINATION TO TAKE UP THE  
SAME SHELF SPACE AS THE  
CONTAINER ALONE FOR VENDING  
AND OFF-THE SHELF  
SALES WITH AUGMENTED  
MARKETING ADAPTATION

ART UNIT 3654  
Docket PA1.677  
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/s/  
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Dated: 5 MARCH 2007  
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Examiner: Rakesh Kumar

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION concerning this  
application mailed 01/08/2007

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Responsive to the communication having a mailing date of  
01/08/2007 regarding the filing of this application on 04 December  
2007:

Examiner Kumar has made a determination that the patent  
application contains claims directed to two distinct species

Species I – Figure 1-3 and 8-10

Species II -- Figure 4-7.

The application contains claims 1-32 that are pending as of the  
election of species requirement.

Species I discloses a beverage and snack container wherein the snack content is held in place by a retaining cap around a bottleneck.

Species II discloses a beverage and snack container wherein the snack is held in place by a container cage engulfing the snack content around the bottleneck.

The examiner has required an election of Species and allocation of the pending 32 claims.

Applicant hereby elects Species I as defined by claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 32.

The claims that pertain to the non-elected species, containment cage, are 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, and 31 which are not abandoned herein but expressly reserved to be filed as a divisional application.

The time for response to this office action was shortened to 31 days by the examiner. The office action was mailed 01/08/07. The original time to respond expired 02/08/07. This response is filed 03/08/07 therefore one month extension is requested for the filing of this response and the fee is hereby authorized to be paid from applicant's attorneys deposit account 080207. Said fee is believed to be in the sum of \$60.00 for a small entity. Should more fees be required, applicant's attorney authorizes the payment and prompt notification of the fee and the reason for the fees.

Applicant's attorney anticipates that all of the issues are resolved as to species election but if something needs clarification, he holds himself ready to timely respond to a phone call or other communication.

Upon consideration of the above remarks, the applicant respectfully believes that the application will be found in condition for review and such review for allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/

John E. Halamka